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SEVEN-DAY ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR EAST NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS AND THE LABRADOR COAST ISSUED BY INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL (IIP) ON 08 JUL 20. IIP HAS CONCLUDED AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE FOR THE YEAR. THIS IS THE FINAL ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR 2020. WEEKLY OUTLOOKS WILL RESUME IN FEBRUARY 2021.

Labrador Coast and Strait of Belle Isle (NORTH OF 52°N):

Sea ice continues to deteriorate slowly along the Labrador Coast north of 58°N. IIP estimates that there are 437 icebergs north of 52°N, mostly outside of the sea ice edge. The estimated Iceberg Limit is expected to move inside of the median for mid-July (dashed line) due to continued iceberg deterioration. Few icebergs (8) remain adrift in the Strait of Belle Isle.

Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N):

Remaining icebergs are confined to the Newfoundland Sea area and are in an advanced state of melt. IIP expects the Iceberg Limit to recede toward Newfoundland and inside the mid-July median over the next week. IIP estimates that there are 28 icebergs adrift in the Newfoundland Sea with isolated icebergs in the offshore branch of the Labrador Current. IIP does not anticipate additional icebergs crossing south of 48°N.

As of 07 July, 169 icebergs have drifted or been sighted south of 48°N in the transatlantic shipping lanes in 2020. On average, 781 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of July based on iceberg sighting data collected between 1983 and 2019. IIP classifies 2020 as "Light", ranking 79th out of 121 years using data collected between 1900 and 2020, and normalized to account for primary observation methods.

